

and declared by the sheriff, shall convene thereafter as soon as possible, and enter upon the duties of their office, first taking and subscribing the following oath, *I A. B.* do solemnly and sincerely swear, that I will do and execute the office of Commissioner for the town of Smithfield, to the best of my skill and ability, so help me God.

*IV. And be it further enacted,* That the commissioners authorized to be elected by this act, and their successors in office, shall be a body corporate and politic, by the name of "The Commissioners of the town of Smithfield," and shall have and exercise all the power and authority which is provided by the act to which this act is an amendment, to be exercised by the commissioners appointed in virtue thereof.

*V. And be it further enacted,* That if the said sheriff shall fail or neglect to hold the election aforesaid, according to the provisions of this act, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten pounds, to be recovered in the name of any one of the commissioners last elected, to the use of said town of Smithfield, any thing to the contrary notwithstanding; and for the trouble incurred by the sheriff in holding said election for the commissioners aforesaid, the sheriff shall be entitled to receive of the proper officer, out of the funds of the corporation, the sum of four dollars annually; any law or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

#### CHAP. LII.

An act to incorporate the town of Hookerton in Greene County

**WHEREAS**, William Hooker of the county of Greene, has caused a town to be laid out on his land on the south bank of Contenty creek, at the mouth of Rainbow creek, and exposed the lots to public sale; and whereas, the said William Hooker is desirous that the said town should be incorporated,

*BE it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North-Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the plan of the said town which was exhibited on the day of the sale of the lots, shall be established and confirmed as a true plan, and that the said plan, or a copy thereof, shall be deposited by the said William Hooker, in the office of the clerk of Greene county, whose duty it shall be to record the said plan in the books of his office, subject to the inspection of any person who may be desirous of inspecting the same: And said town is hereby incorporated into a township by the name of Hookerton.

*II. And be it further enacted.* That William Hooker, Heneick Hooker, Thomas Hooker, John M. Patrick and Charles Edwards, and they are hereby appointed commissioners for said town, and upon the death, removal or refusal to act of any of the aforementioned commissioners, those that remain, or a majority of them, shall have power to elect new ones to supply the places of those who remove, die or refuse to act, and these when so elected as aforesaid shall be invested with the same power and authority as those appointed by this act.

*III. Be it further enacted.* That the said commissioners shall convene, as soon thereafter as possible, and enter upon the duties of their office, first taking and subscribing the following oath: *I A. B.* do solemnly and sincerely swear, that I will do and execute the office of Commissioner for the town of Hookerton to the best of my skill and ability, so help me God.